Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1373H2 **Patron:** Carroll
Bill Title: Department of Education; assessment; utilization of funds for regional special education students; report.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Education (the Department), in collaboration with the Office of Children's Services, staff from the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and such other stakeholders as the Department deems appropriate, to assess potential enhancements and strategies to maximize utilization of funds designated for regional special education students, commonly referred to as the Students with Intensive Support Needs Application program, in order to decrease the number of referrals of students with disabilities into private day school placements. The bill requires the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations no later than December 15, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 123
Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional one time funding to support the work required by this bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a total cost of $11,270 general fund one time in FY27 to support the work required by the bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
201 (DOE)	$0	$11,270	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$11,270**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to assess enhancements and strategies to maximize utilization of funds for the Students with Intensive Support Needs Application program and to report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2026. DOE does not currently have staff available to support this work and anticipates that there would be a one time cost of $11,270 general fund in order to hold a stakeholder meeting and to support contract staff to lead the meeting and prepare the report required by the bill.

The Office of Children’s Services can absorb any impact to collaborate with DOE.

Other: None